PRESENT: Chairman Nancy Irwin, Barbara Meyer, Cheryl Dunlea, Annette Wells
Also present: Maurice Goulet, Robert Kennedy, Jr., Kimberly Schubert, Mary Pat McSharry, Jackie Alford

Nancy Irwin called the meeting to order at 9:05 AM.

June minutes were read aloud before they were approved since they had not been emailed ahead of the meeting.

Revolving Fund
The Revolving Fund is at about $5,000—mattress payment for June will come out of that. Maurice will cover July expense out of DPW budget. Maurice hopes to have a test run of a kiosk for payment for mattress recycling by this Fall or perhaps Winter.

Plastic Bag Reduction Initiative
Nancy shared that Andy plans to remind vendors about the plastic bag ban (particulars and date) and to develop educational materials. She will have information at August meeting.

Organics
Jackie and Megan had not coordinated regarding the Thursday summer concert series. Those present at the TSARC meeting knew that there had been one or two Thursdays with torrential rain, causing some cancellations. Bobby stated that he purchased a Recycling bin for Megan to use at the Thursday evening concerts.

Cheryl suggested that there should be publication about organics about once a month starting in the fall, avoiding saturation. Jackie found monthly communications effective, and Mary Pat shared that 3 FB posts a day was too often. [Barb note and concern as of July 25: Medfield Press has gone regional (Dover, Sherborn and Medfield) and information about individual towns could be confusing and over-saturating from the start...anticipated that Dover's spread about food scraps will mislead Medfield readers—note also: The HomeTown Weekly is, to date, specific and the free paper distributed to all residents]. Information about food scraps would be disseminated to Medfield Patch, local FB groups and 2 local papers. Reminder that Rick has set up a FB page for TSARC; and Mary Pat pointed out that FB has staff to help users organize posts. Using a link to TSARC information should be coordinated either through Donna Cimeno or Kristine Trierweiler.

Swap
NewLife has been asked to come to the Swap monthly, with a truck, to collect furniture, but that hasn’t been happening because of staffing—some local individual volunteers for New Life, Medfield residents, do come to the Swap daily, and collect pots, pans, dishes, silverware, and small electrical items, which they deliver to New Life. New Life sent a truck to SWAP area last year, the week before closing, to retrieve an entire truckload of furniture.
There are some concerns about poison ivy (and Virginia creeper, which is an allergen to some) in the Swap Area, particularly along the concrete wall. There is also a tree downed onto another tree, which may damage a SWAP tent in windy weather, but that is in a wetland buffer zone. Bobby says he will look into the tree situation, but it is in a sensitive area and you just can’t disturb that buffer zone.

Epilepsy Foundation came once on a Tuesday to empty their trailer. They need to know that coming at 3:00 is too late, since the Transfer Station gates will be closed at 4:00 (it usually takes a couple of hours to empty the trailer). Whether they can come on a Tuesday or Thursday depends on staffing. Nancy will contact them again. Recently the driver of the Epilepsy truck was unloading 8 bags of trash from his truck, onto our tip floor; that is, 8 bags of trash from some other location that he drove into the Medfield Transfer Station and was emptying into Medfield’s trash because it had maggots. The driver claimed that his dispatcher had told him to dump it at Medfield Transfer Station. Nancy will contact Brad at Epilepsy to discuss.

Nancy stated that Megan addressed with Epilepsy Foundation the issue of out-of-town people bringing items to the trailer at the Transfer Station, since Medfield TS is listed on Epilepsy website as an area for drop-offs. (This is an issue because of access to the Transfer Station and then possible dumping of non-Medfield, non-sticker-sanctioned trash). [Barb’s July 30 Note: Epilepsy Foundation search for 02052 no longer lists the Transfer Station location. Police Officer on duty should be notified of this change].

Many SWAP shoppers are giving unsolicited, positive comments to the volunteers about the SWAP.

Medfield Day, Sept. 14
Jackie and Cheryl will work on Medfield Day. Our booth is free because of Andy’s win last year. Andy has indicated that there are some shopping bags left from last year. Plastic bag ban and organics composting are likely topics. Cheryl was looking for some Transfer Station flyers and some organics flyers to distribute—Maurice delivered a box before the attendees fully dispersed. Maurice offered to help on an organics mailing. Last year Megan provided a tent, but that tent has been damaged. Jackie has 1 table; Cheryl has two 6’x3’ tables. Someone may have a spin wheel, and Mary Pat suggested that the Wheelock Fun Fair Committee may have a wheel.

Cheryl hopes to tap into National Honor Society students as well as Mrs. Lynch’s and Mrs. Blum’s students.

Public Space Recycling
New bins are now located outside of North Street Market and Subway.

New TS Stickers
There has been an issue with the online payments for the new Transfer Station stickers. So far, 2700 stickers have been subscribed (mostly walk-in and mail-in). The number is expected to climb to 4000, with a rush anticipated in September when people return from summer plans. There have not been comments about the fee increase.
PR/Communications Plan
Constant Contact sent an estimate to Donna, but not an invoice which is needed for the Town to make a payment. It was for an amount around $600, not including tax.

School Recycling
Cheryl wants feedback from Megan about a meeting she had. There are recycling bins at the High School in classrooms and cafeteria and in other common areas, but not in teachers’ lunch room. The schools should pay for recycling containers, since the schools have a hauler separate from the Town’s. Sue Cowell, Health Department had indicated in the spring that she would be happy to help and to coordinate communications with the schools.
Cheryl was involved when Wheelock previously had a food waste composting program (diversion to Wheelock Victory Garden).
Nigel Lau (a student) is interested in having on-site food waste composting at the High School (no contact information available).

Next Initiative
Nancy hopes all of us join MassGreen Network (www.massgreen.org), and that we read up on their information to keep up on what other towns are doing and be prepared to discuss our next possible initiative at our next meeting.
Straws, take-out styrofoam, and single-use plastic bottles were suggested as possible next initiatives. Jackie suggested that plastic straws might be an easier subject to tackle.

Annual Report to Town Selectmen
Nancy and Megan submitted the Annual Report with goals for next year. Note that submissions for the Annual Report may be requested by January in the future.

Committee Membership
According to the Town website we all need to be reappointed. Maurice will ask Kristine Trierweiler about this.
Jackie and Kim are interested in joining TSARC. They should submit a letter of interest to Evelyn Clarke, Kristine Trierweiler, or Donna Cimeno and also to Nancy. The next opportunity for them to be appointed is at the Selectmen’s next meeting on July 30.

Next Meeting was scheduled for Monday, August 12, 2019 at 9:00.
Meeting adjourned at 10:12.